



**CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH  
PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION  
INFORMATION ITEM**

Item No. PWC 09-34

**SUBMITTED TO:** Chairman McGovern and Members of the Commission

**SUBMITTED BY:** Travis K. Hopkins, PE, Director of Public Works

**DATE:** October 21, 2009

**SUBJECT:** National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)  
Permit

**Analysis:** The 1972 amendments to the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (known as the Clean Water Act or CWA) provides the statutory basis for the NPDES permit program and the basic structure for regulating the discharge of pollutants from point sources to waters of the United States (US). Section 402 of the CWA required the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to develop and implement the NPDES Program. The CWA allowed the EPA to authorize the NPDES Permit Program to state governments, enabling states to perform many of the permitting, administrative, and enforcement aspects of the NPDES Program.

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board Santa Ana Region adopted NPDES Permit Order No. R8-2009-0030 on May 22, 2009. The County of Orange is the principal permittee along with 26 cities within Orange County as co-permittees to the NPDES permit.

To meet the primary requirements of the permit, it is the Regional Board's intent that this order requires the implementation of best management practices (BMPs) to reduce to the maximum extent practicable, the discharge of pollutants in urban storm water from the municipal separate storm sewer systems (MS4s) in order to support attainment of water quality standards.

Further details will be provided at the Public Works Commission meeting.